ensure acceptable capital cost and rate of return.

(c) and (d) The outlay and details are yet to be firmed up. However, the project may involve an investment of the order of Rs. 5000 crores inclusive of a foreign exchange component of around Rs. 940 crores (Base: Second quarter of 1990 prices). The project proposal under Government's consideration stands on its own merits and would be executed in a single phase leaving sufficient scope for further development in future depending on internal resources generated through the modernised plant.

Shortage of Coal at Steel Plant

2633. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of Steel Authority of India Ltd., has expressed concern over the precarious level of coal stocks at the steel plants;

(b) what are the reasons for current shortage of coal in the steel plants;

(c) whether there is a likelihood of SAIL curtailing its output due to shortage of coal; and

(d) what steps are being taken to augment coal supply so that steel production is not adversely affected?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Due to inadequate rate of supply of coking coal from the indigenous coal companies, which in turn suffer from inadequate and poor quaneity of supply of electric power from Utilities, to the SAIL's steel plants, the position of coal stocks at the plants has been critically low in recent months.

(c) SAIL has had to already curtail, albeit selectively, its production operations. If coal supplies continue to be inadequate, SAIL will be constrained to further curtail its operations leading to lower production than planned.

(d) Government are constantly monitoring the availability position and taking steps to ensure higher arising at and supplies from indigenous coal sources besides enabling SAIL to build-up its stocks of indigenous and imported coking coal.

Financial Rehabilitation of Deep Sea Fishing Trawlers

2634. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether grant of waiver, write off or rescheduleement of loan and interest in respect of deep sea fishing trawlers is based on some policy of Government; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have directed SCICI to appoint receivers for some deep sea fishing trawlers, if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any trawler under receivership of SCICI has since sunk and if so, what were the causes thereof;

(d) whether in view of the hardships, being faced by the deep sea fishing companies because of drought, depletion of catches and depressed international prices for shrimps in the years 1987, 1988, and 1989 Government are considering any financial rehabilitation package for their survival; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a), (d) and (e) Government of India has not granted